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Applicants: Amjad Ali, et al.

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For: 1H-BENZO[F]INDAZOL-5-YL DERIVATIVES AS
SELECTIVE GLUCOCORTICOID RECEPTOR
MODULATORS

Art Unit:

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Examiner:

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This communication is in response to the restriction requirement dated August 29, 2006, setting forth a shortened statutory period for response ending September 29, 2006. Reconsideration of the restriction requirement and allowance of the above-captioned patent application are respectfully requested. This application relates to 1H-benzo[f]indazol-5-yl derivatives as selective glucocorticoid receptor modulators.

Claims 1 to 24 are currently pending in the application. The Examiner has required restriction of Claims 1 to 24 and an election of one of the following patentably distinct inventions (non-exhaustive):

Group I: Claims 1-21 (in part), drawn to products of Formula I,